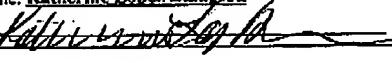


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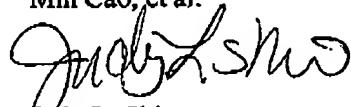
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In response to the Office Communication dated 23 July 2003, having a one month due date of 23 August 2003, Applicants provides the following summary of the interview conducted with the Examiner on 17 July 2003:

Possible amendments to claim 1 were discussed. Applicant suggested amending the claims to include the limitation of a single deep region being connected to a single shallow region. The differences between the present invention and U.S. patent No. 4,685,198 to Kawakita, et al were discussed.

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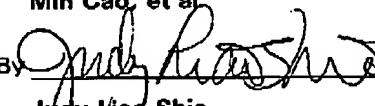
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